

Action by Missouri Clean Water Commission

Date of Action: September 7, 2005

Water Body:

Name: South Fork Isle du Bois Creek
Classification: C
Identification #: 1738
Length of Segment: 3.5 miles
County (ies): Ste. Genevieve

Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) Finding(s):

A whole body contact (WBC) recreational UAA was submitted by department staff on July 1, 2005. The UAA was submitted to evaluate Criterion #2: Natural, Ephemeral, Intermittent or Low-flow conditions.

Review Committee Recommendation (RCR):

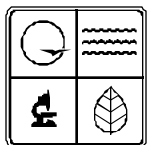
Committee Recommendation: ☐ Retain Use ☐ Modify Use ☒ Remove Use ☐ Inconclusive
Information provided in the UAA led the UAA Review Committee to recommend "Remove Use" due to reported lack of depth to support WBC recreational use designation. However, a secondary contact recreation use designation was recommended due to evidence of use.

Summary of Comment(s):

A total of twenty-two comments were received on this creek. (1) Many comments noted the following activities occur on the creek and have occurred since 1975: swimming, fishing, wading, kids playing, catching crawdads, baptisms, and livestock watering. (2) The church, which uses the creek for baptisms, is located on Hwy. 61, one mile south of Hwy. TT. (3) Many comments asked that pollution not be put into the creek that would endanger the health of the people in the community. (4) Kids wade and play in the creek daily at the Hwy. TT bridge. (5) UAA 0308: Data for the UAA was collected early in day, before WBC recreation would be likely. On the UAA forms' signature line, "true and accurate" is crossed out and replaced with "estimated based on my observations" which is unacceptable. The impact of trash dumping and algal growth on public's willingness to participate in WBC recreation is not considered. No water quality data were collected and no interviews were conducted so conclusions about lack of WBC recreation use at other times of year are conjecture. A longer term study is needed. The RCR should be reversed.

Commission Action on Comment(s):

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Because of the comments received, the Commission voted to retain the use designation of WBC recreation for South Fork Isle du Bois Creek in Ste. Genevieve County from its mouth upstream to Section 36, Township 39 North, Range 06 East (36,39N,06E). The commission directed further investigation to determine specific locations and extent of recreational activities.



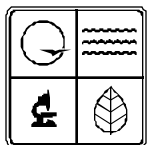
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Final Order of Rulemaking:

The use designation of whole body contact recreation will be retained on South Fork Isle du Bois Creek in Ste. Genevieve County from its mouth upstream to 36,39N,06E (3.5 miles).



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